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SUBJ: WEST EUROPEAN ALLEGATIONS REGARDING ENERGY CRISIS

1. PREPOSTEROUS AS IT MAY SEEM, WEST EUROPEANS, SPECIFICALLY FRENCH AND GERMANS, ARE ALLEGING TO IMPORTANT IRANIANS, INCLUDING MINISTERS, THAT THE UNITED STATES IS TO BLAME FOR THE ENERGY CRISIS, PARTICULARLY THE ARAB OIL EMBARGO. ONE VERSION OF THIS ALLEGATION IS THAT SAUDI MINISTER OF PETROLEUM ZAKI YAMANI IS AN AMERICAN AGENT JMO, UNDER AMERICAN INSTRUCTION, IS CONTINUING THE OIL EMBARGO IN AN EFFORT TO DISADVANTAGE THE WEST EUROPEAN AND JAPANESE ECONOMIES IN ORDER TO GIVE THE UNITED STATES A MORE FAVORABLE POSITION IN WORLD TRADE. ONE IMPORTANT
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IRANIAN HEARD A VERSION OF THIS STORY ON DECEMBER 12 FROM THE WEST GERMAN REPRESENTATIVE IN TEHRAN OF THREE

IMPORTANT BANKS. MINISTER OF FINANCE AMUZEGAR HEARD THE YAMANI VERSION LAST WEEK FROM A MAN HE DESCRIBED AS QUOTE AN IMPORTANT FRENCH OFFICIAL UNQUOTE. NEEDLESS TO SAY, SOPHISTICATED IRANIANS KNOW BETTER, BUT WE CAN ONLY ASSUME THAT IF THIS STORY IS BEING PEDDLED IN TEHRAN, IT IS ALSO BEING PEDDLED ELSEWHERE.

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